

THE MONITOR



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Weather Technology At Its Finest!

Weatherbank.

DSI offers the opportunity to bridge the gap between standard local information, bulletin board channels and a dedicated weather channel. Partnering with Weatherbank Inc., DSI's ELITE2000 and ELITEGOLD systems can be used to display satellite imagery; warning maps; current national conditions; state and local weather maps; national, state and specific radar maps; lightning strike maps; colored next-day forecast maps which cover weather fronts, precipitation, high temperature, and four day outlook maps. The service is affordable and will take you to the next level of professional local channel production. A high speed Internet connection is required for dependable operation. In the future, DSI will be adding some extra features to make this tool even more powerful.

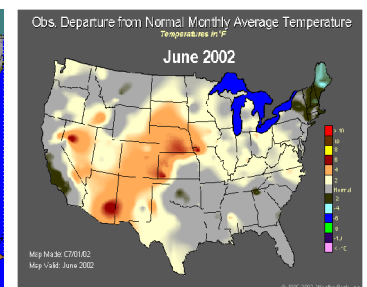
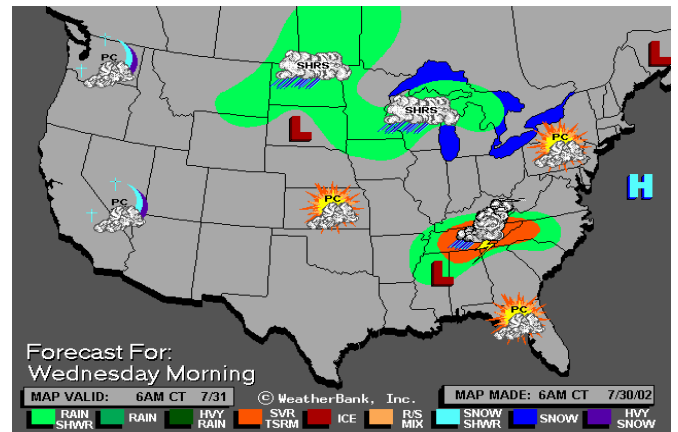
Weatherbank's mission statement is: "To be the industry leader in providing the highest-quality, weather and environmental information and services to businesses, government agencies and the general public, to state of the art technologies." The meteorology center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their friendly staff provides unbeatable technical assistance and informational support at any time. Weatherbank can even produce custom maps, among other options, to DSI customers upon special request. Weatherbank has access to data available from numerous sources worldwide, and offers unique services that are unavailable elsewhere.

In addition, Weatherbank offers multiple options for getting data to their customers. Countless ways of data transportation are possible, including FTP Internet connection. If using "Weatherbank" with ELITEGOLD

software, try downloading files via FTP, or have http access as part of your schedule.

Additionally, DSI is working on developing a means to automatically create pages by using the text data that Weatherbank provides. This feature is still in product development, so watch future issues of The Monitor for more details when this support is released.

For more information on Weatherbank and interfacing with the ELITE2000 or ELITEGOLD, contact your DSI representative. D



Weatherbank costs based on 24 month contract:
Months 1-3 of 24 month contract \$99.00 / month
Months 4-24 of 24 month contract \$129.00 / month

Tips and Tricks

Tips and Tricks is a section that offers suggestions to make your pages look more professional, and provides short-cuts for saving time while using the DSI software. This issue of 'Tips and Tricks' highlights snappy scheduling tricks.



You have created a schedule that happens to be hundreds of pages long. How will you be able to edit individual pages quickly? Using the scrolling arrow to locate a particular page can be tedious. The best way to reach the final page in your schedule, for editing, reviews, or last minute add-ons, is to insert a comment. To do so, use the "Comment" button. This button is easy to locate at the top of the main scheduling creation screen. Scroll right, through the assorted creation buttons, searching for the option with a yellow lined note paper. This is the comment button. Make sure the green cursor, in the schedule, is over the area in which you wish the comment to be placed. Clicking on this button makes a text box pop up on the screen. Enter a short message, a key word or phrase, which is easy to remember, in the text box. Click OK when finished typing in your notes. The comment is displayed in the schedule with the yellow notepaper icon, to indicate that it is not a schedule page, but in fact a reminder. The comment will also display any text typed into the comment's text box.

Comments placed strategically within a schedule act like shortcuts to seek specific pages. To find a comment use the "find and replace" button. Type in any key words you may have used to mark your place in the schedule. This is the fastest and simplest way to find hard-to-reach places in your schedules.

Commenting works to locate any schedule pages, and leave helpful notes, or tips for other users. Playing around with this button will help you discover it's benefits for yourself. **D**



The Best Pet

A man goes into a pet shop and tells the owner that he wants to buy a pet that can do everything.

The owner says, "How about a dog?"

The man replies, "A dog? That's so ordinary! And a dog can't do everything!"

The owner says, "How about a cat?"

The man replies, "No way! A cat certainly can't do everything. I want a pet that can do everything!"

The owner thinks for a minute, then says, "I've got it -- a centipede!" The man says, "A centipede? I can't imagine a centipede doing everything. But, okay . . . I'll try a centipede."

He gets the centipede home and says to it, "Clean the kitchen." Thirty minutes later, he walks into the kitchen and it's immaculate. All the dishes and silverware have been washed, polished, dried and put away. The counter tops have been cleaned. The appliances are sparkling. The floor has been waxed.

He's absolutely amazed. He says to the centipede, "Go clean the living room."

Twenty minutes later he walks into the living room. The carpet has been vacuumed, the furniture clean and dusted, the pillows on the sofa plumped and the plants watered. The man thinks to himself, "This is the most amazing thing I've ever seen. This is truly a pet that can do everything."

He says to the centipede, "Run down to the corner and get me a newspaper." The centipede walks out the door. Ten minutes later, no centipede. Twenty minutes later, no centipede. Thirty minutes later, no centipede.

The man is wondering what's going on. The centipede should have been back in a couple of minutes. Forty-five minutes later, still no centipede! The man can't imagine what happened. Did the centipede run away? Did it get run over by a car? Finally, he goes to the front door and opens it . . . and there's the centipede sitting right outside the door.

The man says, "Hey! I sent you 45 minutes ago to run down to the corner and get me a newspaper. What's the story?"

The centipede says, "I'm goin'! I'm goin'! I'm puttin' on my shoes!" **D**

Summer In Saskatoon

Summer in Saskatchewan brings warmth and life to the prairies. Around Saskatoon a special type of berry begins to ripen towards the end of June, called Saskatoon berries. Traditionally Native Americans used these berries in Pemmican, a dried fruit and meat concoction, with a very high fat content, making it a fantastic energy snack for long distance travel. Saskatoon berries also grow in the US, known as service berries. They have a flavour much like an apple-blueberry, a reason why it makes such outstanding jams and pastries. Try this delicious recipe for a Saskatoon berry pie.

Saskatoon Berry Pie

4 cups Saskatoon berries/Service berries

1/4 cup water

2 Tbsp lemon juice

3/4 cup sugar

3 Tbsp all-purpose flour

*pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie

1 Tbsp butter



1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (220 degrees C).
2. In a large saucepan simmer the berries in 1/4 cup water for 10 minutes. Stir in the lemon juice. Then add the sugar and flour. Pour the berry filling into a pie-crust-pastry lined 9-inch pie plate. Dot with butter. Place the second pie crust over the berry filling. Pinch and seal the edges.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes. Then reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), and continue baking for 35 to 45 minutes. D

Believing Politicians

A bus load of politicians were driving down a country road one afternoon, when all of a sudden, the bus ran off the road and crashed into a tree in an old farmer's field.

Seeing what happened, the old farmer went over to investigate.

He then proceeded to dig a hole and bury the politicians.

A few days later, the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus, and asked the old farmer, "Were they all dead?"

The old farmer replied, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them politicians lie." D

DSI On the Road. . .

The SCTE show in San Antonio this year was attended by DSI with success.

Held from June the 4-6, SCTE gave DSI employees ample opportunity for business and leisure. Richard Haubrich and Robert Lemky represented DSI at booth number 614. We would like to send out a giant warm thanks to the SCTE staff, and a hello to everyone who shared in the wonderful event with us.

For information at any time concerning trade shows, vendor days and training seminars consult DSI's web site,

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The City of Rawlins Uses DSI's Elite2000 Software!

Can DSI's software handle your information-display needs? That and more! We interviewed Bruce Florquist with the City of Rawlins to get the inside word on DSI's Elite 2000 Creation and Display software. The City of Rawlins uses their software for a community public access channel, running 24 hours a day.

This channel displays everything from university and public school sports schedules, events and cafeteria menus to Wanted criminal postings for the police department, which Bruce says are extremely effective in aiding local law enforcement. Bruce also creates pages for non-profit and profit advertisements, church activities, council meetings and senior citizen's homes.

To create a weather page in his schedule Bruce uses a Texas Weather Station, which can be connected to the DSI software to display current weather conditions. He also involves the local radio stations, by using them as a background music for the channel.

Bruce will agree with anyone who says the Elite 2000 is user friendly, very versatile and has good graphics. *"The schedule can be taped onto a VCR for play during times the schedule needs to be enhanced."* He says the software is so simple to use, he has easily and successfully trained a number of individuals to use the system.



Bruce sums up the software claiming that the City of Rawlins is... *"very happy with purchasing the Elite 2000 software, it is worth every cent we paid. Compliments are given to council by many people towards the channel's professional appearance. Everyone loves the software, and we consistently receive positive feedback about it!"*

Bad Day at the Office

Wife to her exhausted husband returning home at the end of the day, "How did the day go, dear?"

"Terrible!"

"What happened?"

"Things were going so bad at work, I decided I just needed to get out of the office and play a round of golf. I took George with me."

"That's too bad about the office dear."

"Well that's only the beginning."

"Oh, what else?"

"We got to the seventh hole, and George had a coronary!"

"Oh, my!"

"Oh yeah, then things really started going bad . . . it was hit the ball, drag George . . . hit the ball, drag George." **D**



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